



Social Services Commission
Sandra Peterkin, Chair
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Caroline Temlock Teichman

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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Minutes for July 15, 2014 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members

Maira Colangelo
Kate Lombardo
Caroline Temlock Teichman

Public Safety Staff

Kathy Ruther, Secretary

Health Department Staff

Sharona Cowan, Director, Mandated Services

Meeting came to order at 4:07pm and was presided over by Commissioner Kate Lombardo in Sandra Peterkin's absence. Commissioner McCabe absent.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from June 17, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.

Motion – Commissioner Temlock Teichman made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Commissioner Colangelo and motion carried (01:28).

Old Business

Motion to take Agenda out of order

Vikki Cooper is not present, Kate will follow up to find out if she is able to attend next meeting to update the Commission on the issue of subpoena powers of the Commission.

Motion – Commissioner Temlock Teichman made motion to take the Agenda out of order, seconded by Commissioner Colangelo and motion carried (01:55).

Sharona Cowan, Director of Mandated Services, Health Department (02:05)

Sharona reports one new Fair Rent complaint since last meeting, and presented the Interim Investigators Report (Attachment A). Another case has closed where the parties have reached an agreement and the complaint officially withdrawn. There are no hearings scheduled for next meeting.

Discussion continued around how many complaints are filed from the residents coming in to inquire about the process. The Commission discussed how to handle repeat offences by a landlord, should

that occur. Sharona will work on collecting data, and reporting on, how many inquiries versus filing each month.

Motion – Commissioner Temlock Teichman made motion to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Colangelo and motion carried (09:35).

Update on Survey Projects (09:45)

Subcommittees report out.

- Commissioner Colangelo had trouble contacting other Commissioners to work on the survey. She will call Kathy Ruther if she needs help with survey websites.
- Commissioner Colangelo and Commissioner Temlock Teichman plan on meeting to review.

New Business

Public Comment Opportunities

The Commission discussed opportunities for them to get public comment during the meetings. Commissioner Lombardo will check how other Boards incorporate public comment in monthly meetings, and report back next month. She would also like to get Chair Peterkin's thoughts. The Commission discussed the possibility of initiating a 3-month trial for a regular public comment period during Commission meetings.

Commission Involvement in City Meetings

The Commission discussed the Hoarding Task Force, Sharona will look into the opportunity for Commissioners to participate. She also mentioned the upcoming Housing Task Force as another opportunity for involvement. There may also be opportunities to work with other Boards on mutual issues, such as the Commission on Aging. Commissioner Temlock Teichman will pursue the status of that Commission with Martin Levine, and contact Michelle Piskin.

Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for August 19th.

Motion - Commissioner Colangelo made motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Temlock Teichman (47:22).

Meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther